New Projects or Extensions

I-294/I-57 Interchange

Preliminary bridge work is currently underway by the tollway to ensure the structure can accommodate expected additional traffic.

Central Lake County Corridor (IL 53 North and IL 120)

On October 20th, Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur and Lake County Board Chairman David Stolman gave a presentation on the recently passed Tollway Capital Plan and planning efforts related to the Route 53 Extension in Lake County to the TMA of Lake Cook.

A Libertyville newspaper article outlined some discussion and "more questions than answers" from the second meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee. The Chairman of the Lake County Board cited the road's economic development potential. CMAP mentioned the modern boulevard concept, and Kristi LeFleur of the Illinois Tollway said that IDOT would not be involved.

Elgin O'Hare Expressway Improvements (including Western O'Hare Bypass)

CTA South Red Line Extension

Governor Quinn and Mayor Emanuel announced \$1 billion in funding for a Red Line makeover, from Illinois Jobs Now. No mention of the extension was made in the announcement.

West Loop Transportation Center / Union Station Master Plan

CDOT considers the (potential \$25 million) BRT funding and conversion of an existing parking lot near Union Station to bus parking/turnaround to be a part of this project.

Expressway Additions and Improvements

I-190 Access Improvements

The TIP and IDOT's 5 year highway program include line items for these projects. The 5 year program has mostly preliminary work – utilities, sewers, etc. What they are referring to as the I-190 project, in addition to the add lanes on I-190 itself, are additional ramps to/from Mannheim and IL 72 and the Balmoral extension. What isn't in either document is the flyover ramp from I-90 to the Cumberland exit. This would eliminate the need for the I-90 traffic exiting at Cumberland to have to cross several lanes of traffic to get over to the right – similar to the

previous situation on I-290 at Hillside. The flyover is not currently funded but will be an IDOT project when it moves forward.

I-80 Add Lanes (US 30 to US 45)

I-88 Add Lanes

I-94 Add Lanes North

Managed Lanes and Multimodal Corridors

I-55 Managed Lanes

The I-55 Bus-on-Shoulders (BOS) demonstration project is an interim improvement. Governor Quinn approved enabling legislation for Bus-on-Shoulder operations in August 2011. IDOT is currently repaving the shoulders along I-55 and is including BOS-related signage and pavement markings, the demo is scheduled to begin November 14th. Pace is recommended for CMAQ funding to enhance corridor bus service in 2012. A BOS test run with dignitaries is scheduled November 7th.

I-90 Managed Lanes

The Illinois Tollway is set to expand the IL 47 @ I-90 Interchange, starting work in 2012 and completing it by 2013. This project includes all electronic tolling. Currently there is no toll charged at this location. The Tollway will cover 50% of the cost, IDOT 25%, and the local communities will pay 25%.

I-290 Multimodal Corridor

IDOT drafted a revised purpose and need document and wants additional comments by 11-30-2011.

Transit Improvements

CTA North Red and Purple Line Improvements

On November 3rd, Governor Quinn and Mayor Emanuel announced \$1 billion in funding for a Red Line makeover, from Illinois Jobs Now. No mention was made of the extension, only rehabilitation. The remaining \$256 million will come from anticipated federal grants.

On October 15th, CTA received a Bus Livability Grant for the Wilson Street Station for \$6 million. "The project includes a new elevator control room and rail maintenance room, a new

elevator inside the main station house at street level, as well as street modifications and exterior rehabilitation."

Metra UP West Improvements

The public private partnership includes upgrades to signal systems, triple tracking and crossovers, and pedestrian grade separation work.

Metra Rock Island Improvements

Metra SouthWest Service Improvements

Metra UP North Improvements

Metra UP Northwest Improvements and Extension

Fiscally Constrained Projects Other

CREATE (not listed as MCP but referenced elsewhere in plan)

Ray LaHood has Blog for USDOT, lauding the Englewood Flyover.

Tom Murtha updated TIP project based on conversation with IDOT (McCarty Bureau of Railroads Bureau Chief). This consisted mainly of moving projects from the current year to FFY 12 and 13, with two line items identified as awarded. Also, the Heritage corridor to Summit has been added as to the Passenger Corridor CREATE project, but location details are not yet available.

Regional Transit Signal Priority

FTA TEAM reports that Pace and RTA currently have 7 active grants for TSP, with \$2 million spent and \$5 million still available based on TEAM 10-3-11.

RTA received \$32 million in CMAQ funding and anticipates obligating it all in January.

Illiana Expressway

South Suburban Airport

CMAP provided traffic projections for a new interchange to serve the airport at about I-57 and Offner Road, including a new roadway connecting to the east and west of the interchange. This project is not in the TIP.

Fiscally Unconstrained Active Projects

DuPage "J" Line

South Lakefront Corridor

Central Area Transitway

FTA TEAM system active project reports for the end of September shows CTA with \$10.7 million available for construction of Jeffery Corridor BRT. \$284,000 has been disbursed. Note that the Carroll Avenue Transitway has \$1.6 million available to CDOT, with \$10,000 disbursed.

I-80 Add/Managed Lanes (Grundy County Line to US30)

IL 394

Metra Heritage Corridor

The Heritage corridor to Summit has been added to the Passenger Corridor of CREATE.

Metra SouthEast Service Corridor

The members have been named to the mass transit district committee.

Document #9 the final report outlining the preferred alternative resulting from the alternatives analysis study was published and posted to Metra's website in August 2011.

Metra STAR Line Corridor

Metra BNSF Extension

The deadline for proposals in response to the engineering RFP was extended to 9-30-2011. Proposals were submitted.

Prairie Parkway

A special conformity was completed for the IL 47 add lanes projects, included in the Prairie Parkway Record of Decision (ROD) because of the potential to lose earmarked funding.